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TWO-WAY TOLLS RETURN TO HAMPTON PLAZA ON OCTOBER 22
16-WEEK EXPERIMENT ON I-95 BEGAN JUNE 30

The New Hampshire Department of Transportation announces two-way tolling will return to the Hampton Toll Plaza on Interstate 95 at 12:01 am on Friday, October 22, 2004 as scheduled.

This year's 16-week, one-way toll experiment aimed at reducing significant traffic congestion at the Hampton mainline plaza began on June 30. It followed the same approach as a previous 10-week test in 2003 (August 22 to November 1). Under the experiment, tolls at the Hampton mainline facility have been collected in the northbound direction only, with the toll rates for all vehicles doubled. All southbound traffic has traveled toll-free through four lanes at the mainline plaza.

With the return to two-way tolls, both northbound and southbound motorists will once again have to stop at the plaza to pay tolls.

Revenue and traffic data are still being compiled and analyzed from this year's one-way toll experiment. No results or conclusions have yet been reached.

Current plans for implementing E-Z Pass electronic tolling on the New Hampshire Turnpike System call for the Hampton tolls to be on line in the spring of 2005. In addition, efforts to improve traffic flow at the Hampton Ramp Toll include a project that is now underway, which will increase the number of permanent booths at the Hampton Ramp Toll Plaza from seven to eight.